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Pacer Briefs

Daylight-saving time begins

Daylight-saving time will begin at 2 a.m. Sunday morning.

Everyone needs to remember to set your clocks an hour ahead before going to bed Saturday night.

According to Pacer Adviser Tomi McCutchen Parrish, "Daylight-saving time will not be an acceptable excuse for being late to class on Monday."

Sodexho focus group to be held

Sodexho will be hosting a focus group on April 7th in order to get student input on their services. If interested in joining, choose a one hour slot 9-10, 10:30-11:30, 1:30-2:30, 2:45-3:34, or 4-5 and call 7994 or send an e-mail to aducak@utm.edu. Light refreshments will be served and your participation is appreciated.

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All-Sing set for Saturday

The Alpha Phi Omega All-Sing is set for Saturday night in the Tom and Kathleen Elam Center.

The theme is "Number One Hits," and tickets are on sale at the U.C Information desk for \$5 General Admission and \$7 for floor seats if purchased in advance.

Tickets will be sold the day of the performance for \$8 General Admission and \$10 on the floor.

Mardi Gras comes to Martin today

The Office of Housing will host Martin Gras this afternoon from 1-4 p.m. in Cooper Hall. There will be food, games and prizes. Food is free with an RHA card, \$5 without.

UT Martin Represented at SEPC





Nineteen sorority women represented UT Martin at the Southeastern Panhellenic Conference last weekend. This was the largest number of women that UT Martin has ever sent to the conference held in Atlanta, Georgia. All the Panhellenic councils in member states are encouraged to attend. These states include: Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia. The total number of women attending the conference exceeded 1300, the largest conference attendance to date.

The women attending the conference from UT Martin were the 8 Council Officers, 4 Chapter Delegates, 6 Chapter Representatives and the SEPC State Coordinator for Tennessee.

While at the conference, these young women attended educational sessions and leadership series speakers and came home with new ideas and enthusiasm to continue to improve the Greek system. The UT Martin Panhellenic Council was awarded recognition for their efforts in the area of scholarship, diversity and public relations.

Panhellenic Council Advisor Denny Bubrig said, "There are several great things that Panhellenic has been able to accomplish in the past year to improve themselves. It is great to see them being recognized for the second year in a row on the regional level for their accomplishments. They are a hard working group and this is a much deserved honor for them."

Weather Outlook

Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
			
Scattered Storms	Mostly Sunny	Scattered Storms	Scattered Storms
High 73 Low 47	High 65 Low 50	High 66 Low 58	High 69 Low 39

The Pacer's weather outlook courtesy of <http://www.weather.com>

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2003 SGA

ELECTIONS



Sophomore  
Business  
Management  
Milington, TN

Jason Balestrini



Junior  
Political Science /  
Pre-Law  
Milington, TN

Nikki Draper



Junior  
Political Science /  
French  
Milington, TN

Jennifer Ogg

Stephen Yeargin  
Technical Editor

A week of intense campaigning is riding on the outcome of two days of voting next week.

Elections will be from noon to 5 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday, April 7 - 8 in UC 111.

Students will need to present their Student ID prior to voting by electronic ballot.

Runoffs will be held on Wednesday if no candidate gains a 51 percent of all votes cast, according to Section 1, Article A of the Constitution.

President

Jason Balestrini is a senator from the College of Business and Public Affairs and former Freshman Council President.

Balestrini defines his goal for the UTM campus is "to familiarize school affairs to the student population."

Nikki Draper of Chattanooga is the current Vice President, former sena-

tor from the College of Business and Public Affairs and former Vice President of the Freshman Council.

"I would like to continue serving continue serving the students here at UTM," Draper said.

Jennifer Ogg is a senator from the College of Humanities and Fine Arts and former freshman council member.

A Martin resident, Ogg says that the current SGA has its fair share of problems.

"SGA lacks vital communication with UTM's students. I want to make SGA a reachable organization on campus that strives for what students want and lets them know about it," said Ogg.

Vice President

Kevin Anderson is a senator from the College of Business and Public Affairs and former Vice President of the Freshman Council.

"I feel exceptionally willing to help because not only I can do the job, but I am most

suited for the responsibilities linked to the position,"Anderson said.

Beau Pemberton is the Treasurer of the United Residence Hall Association and student member of the UTM Regional Advancement Council.

"I am running for this office so that together with the students of UTM, we can lead this university into a continued time of progress and vision of excellence," Pemberton said.

Secretary General

Brian Davis served as the Campus Observations committee chair this year. He also has prior experience as a Freshman Council member.

"I feel it would be putting my talents to best use to serve SGA and the student body as a whole," Davis said.

Pamela Bartholomew served as an executive assistant this year to President Eric Tolbert and is the former Secretary General for Freshman Council.

Hailing from Decaturville,

Tenn., Bartholomew said that she is running because she "want[s] to contribute to the future success of UTM."

Senate

The College of Business and Public Affairs (5) candidates include Dusty Dean, Clarissa Porterfield, Matt Maxey, Joey Pierce, Laura Harber and Andrew Usery.

The College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences (3) candidates include Josh Davis, Robert Hoffman and Landon Loveall.

The College of Engineering and Natural Sciences (2) candidates include Marqueta Abraham and Brien Luck.

The College of Education and Behavioral Sciences (5) candidates include Candace Tate, Ann-Marie Lovelace, Elizabeth Reynolds, and Jeff Hall.

The College of Humanities and Fine Arts (5) candidates include Jacob Crouch, Okwede Okoh, Beth Anderton, Shellee Williams and Kevin Teets.

Toga Party makes UTM history

Jacob Crouch  
Toga Correspondent

This week the SGA campaigning frenzy began and many students may have been puzzled by the storm of fliers and posters displaying a single word-TOGA.

Toga is not a recreational event, nor is it a call to chaos; it is a political party formed by several candidates who represent four of the colleges on campus: the College of Business and Public Affairs, Humanities and Fine Arts, Engineering and Natural Sciences, and Education and Behavioral Sciences.

As the first political party to make an appearance on campus, the mission of the Toga party is to foster an environment of diversity while promoting a superior level of cooperation between the senators and their constituents.

The members of the Toga party are Elizabeth Reynolds, Dusty Dean, Joey Pierce, Ann-Marie Lovelace, Marqueta Abraham, and Jacob Crouch with Senator Liz Craig serving as chair of the party.

All members of Toga are dedicated to promoting change and progress on campus.

While each member is actively pursuing a seat in the student senate with a personal campaign, they are also fiercely supporting the campus wide release of Toga. This is but a tiny example of the amount of dedication that each member has devoted to this idea. The members of Toga are confident the idea of a student based political party will rekindle the enthusiasm that has surrounded SGA elections in the past.

The Toga party plans on making a difference on campus and students here at UTM should observe the effect that just seven people can make on this campus and should be encouraged to get involved because you can be seen and heard. Your vote counts.

Humanities and Fine Arts looks at budget cuts

Nikki Scrivener  
Staff Writer

Fewer classes, less perks, and newer, short-term teachers are just a few of the alterations expected at UTM.

All of the Departments across the campus are working together on every aspect

of the budget situation. They want to make the cuts as painless as possible for the students and the faculty. The more cuts they are able to make, the less tuition will have to be raised next year.

According to information received from the Department of Student

Affairs, some of the cuts to be made by include cutting back on sending staff to conferences. They will still try to send staff whenever possible just not as often as in the past.

The Fine Dining program will also be cut out of the budget. This was a wonderful

dining experience, but it is not a necessity.

The large number of freebies during freshman welcome week will also be done away with. The university was spending a lot of money on t-shirts and other UTM products distributed during that week. They will now try

to look for sponsors to help out in that area.

International week will still be included in the budget. However the faculty and staff will be responsible for all of the events going on. In the past people were hired and

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Campus mourns loss of English professor

Stephen Yeargin  
Technical Editor

Dr. Carl Jay Buchanan of Union City, an assistant professor in the UTM English Department, died Saturday at Baptist Memorial Hospital-Union City. He was 46.

He is survived by his wife, Kristine Veenstra Buchanan, his 5-year old daughter, Miranda, and a son, Carl Buchanan of Indianapolis.

Dr. Todd Butler's office is directly across the hall from Dr. Buchanan's office, where a wreath has been placed in his memory.

"Carl was the first member of the faculty to offer to do something social when I arrived at UTM," Butler said. "He was both an active scholar and an active teacher, and an all-around good guy."

Butler added that



Buchanan

"I am sure our students and staff will miss him greatly," said Jenna Wright, an instructor of English.

Wright spent the day talking to Buchanan's classes about how to cope with the loss, and how the remainder of the semester would be handled.

Dr. Andy King of the Counseling Center was also present for these classes.

"Students dealing with a loss feel the need to do something, something creative," King said.

"Today I suggested they

write a letter to the widow to tell her how much Carl meant to them."

King urged students who are currently enrolled in his class or have taken Buchanan's classes in the past to come by the Counseling Center in UC 213 if they feel the need.

However, students are asked to call 587-7720 to make an appointment because of the number of people affected by this loss.

Anthony Reynolds, an Athletic Training major from Carbondale, Ill., was once a student in Buchanan's class.

"Dr. Buchanan meant a whole lot to me; he is probably my favorite professor in college," said Reynolds. "He will be greatly missed by those that experienced his

(See 'Buchanan on p. 10)



MATT CROUCH / The Pacer

New head football coach Matt Griffin walks across the field during 2003 Spring football practice. Practice will continue for the next couple weeks and is open to the public.